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For MEDICAL SUTURE INSTRUMENT AND METHOD OF USE					
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):					
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